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1. GENERAL

This bulletin, issued by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, (Mr. S. R. Carver) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Service Consolidation Act, 1947, for the month of March, 1948 and the nine months ended March, 1948. This information has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services.

The Act provides for the payment of benefit to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or temporary incapacity. It also provides another class of benefit - designated Special Benefit - which gives assistance to persons on account of some special circumstances, and to those persons who cannot comply with the statutory requirements relating to unemployment or sickness benefit, and who are prevented from earning a livelihood and are in need.

The number of recipients of benefit does not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven days' duration is not covered due to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. Permanent incapacity is not included as this is covered by the Age and Invalid section of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit. The inclusion of claims rejected - see Section 8 - completes the coverage of all persons applying for benefit, irrespective of whether their claims are approved or rejected.

The number of "persons on benefit" in this bulletin relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependents of such beneficiaries are not included.

The details given in Sections 4, 6 and 7 refer to admittances and exits notified during the period shown and not to admittances and exits which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are preliminary and subject to revision. This applies particularly to exits, and results in persons on benefit at the end of the latter months being overstated.

2. BENEFITS PAID

The benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State during March, 1948 and the nine months ended March, 1948, are shown in the following table.

I. AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING MARCH, 1948 AND THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1948 : STATES

State	Benefits paid during March, 1948				Benefits paid during nine months ended March, 1948			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
N.S.W. (a)	£. 1,944	£. 27,116	£. 983	£. 30,043	£. 53,962	£. 235,460	£. 7,102	£. 296,524
Victoria	614	14,728	995	16,337	14,949	154,771	12,237	181,957
Queensland	36,890	14,808	991	52,689	166,600	88,422	6,453	261,475
S.Australia(b)	169	5,791	286	6,246	3,730	59,053	2,784	65,567
W.Australia	1,711	4,668	1,787	8,166	32,782	44,328	4,910	82,020
Tasmania	111	2,846	247	3,204	2,444	29,520	1,001	33,765
TOTAL	41,439	69,957	5,289	116,685	274,467	611,554	35,287	921,308

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

3. SUMMARY - CLAIMS ADMITTED, EXITS, PERSONS ON BENEFIT

The following table shows for the years 1945-46 and 1946-47, and for the months March, 1947 to March, 1948, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

II. CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT -
YEARS 1945-46 AND 1946-47 AND MONTHS FROM MARCH, 1947 TO
MARCH, 1948.

AUSTRALIA

Period	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
CLAIMS ADMITTED									
Year 1945-46	65,455	12,289	33,178	6,724	242	200	98,875	19,213	118,088
" 1946-47	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,002	1,271	335	119,674	16,536	136,210
1947 -									
March	..	5,072	196	4,661	1,293	119	37	9,852	1,526
April	..	4,275	145	3,308	802	82	21	7,665	968
May	..	4,231	217	5,056	1,345	157	46	9,444	1,608
June	..	2,670	117	3,852	1,008	70	21	6,592	1,146
July	..	2,589	136	5,499	1,515	187	94	8,275	1,745
August	..	2,134	111	5,822	1,576	139	66	8,095	1,753
September	..	1,440	67	4,609	1,261	125	46	6,174	1,374
October	..	1,570	48	4,323	1,310	109	72	6,002	1,430
November	..	1,615	64	5,019	1,480	121	64	6,755	1,608
December	..	1,794	53	3,116	974	830	157	5,740	1,184
1948 -									
January (a)		3,588	99	4,359	1,190	157	46	8,104	1,335
February (a)		5,862	286	3,885	1,230	504	210	10,251	1,726
March (a) ..		3,217	270	3,291	957	77	186	6,585	1,413
DISCONTINUANCES									
Year 1945-46	58,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	186	60	86,615	17,484	104,099
" 1946-47	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,075	1,136	210	118,498	15,554	134,052
1947 -									
March	..	7,197	215	4,318	1,087	190	34	11,705	1,336
April	..	5,192	157	3,365	894	99	12	8,656	1,063
May	..	5,945	242	4,803	1,220	157	22	10,905	1,484
June	..	3,803	151	3,796	965	76	15	7,675	1,131
July	..	3,265	151	4,905	1,244	142	45	8,312	1,440
August	..	3,230	141	5,812	1,512	138	24	9,180	1,677
September	..	2,091	81	4,598	1,256	142	47	6,831	1,384
October	..	2,286	87	4,531	1,260	107	41	6,924	1,388
November	..	2,003	78	5,467	1,606	142	46	7,612	1,730
December	..	890	50	3,233	1,006	132	117	4,255	1,173
1948 -									
January (a)		2,856	73	4,454	1,326	792	80	8,102	1,479
February (a)		4,038	184	3,673	1,044	441	37	8,152	1,265
March (a) ..		2,239	134	3,262	912	156	215	5,657	1,261
PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH									
1946 -									
June	..	6,576	297	5,628	1,292	56	140	12,260	1,729
1947 -									
March	..	9,745	298	7,012	2,143	214	226	16,971	2,667
April	..	8,828	286	6,955	2,051	197	235	15,980	2,572
May	..	7,114	261	7,208	2,176	197	259	14,519	2,696
June	..	5,981	227	7,264	2,219	191	265	13,436	2,711
July	..	5,305	212	7,858	2,490	236	314	13,399	3,016
August	..	4,209	182	7,868	2,554	237	356	12,314	3,092
September	..	3,558	168	7,879	2,559	220	355	11,657	3,082
October	..	2,842	129	7,671	2,609	222	386	10,735	3,124
November	..	2,454	115	7,223	2,483	201	404	9,878	3,002
December	..	3,358	118	7,106	2,451	899	444	11,363	3,013
1948 -									
January (a) ..		4,090	144	7,011	2,315	264	410	11,365	2,869
February (a)		5,914	246	7,223	2,501	327	583	13,464	3,330
March (a) ..		6,892	382	7,252	2,546	248	554	14,392	3,482

(a) Subject to Revision.

4. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED

(i) Duration: The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuances were notified during March, 1948, and the nine months ended March, 1948, is shown in the following table:-

III. DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING MARCH, 1948,
AND THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1948 : AUSTRALIA

Duration of Benefit	P E R S O N S							
	March, 1948				Nine months ended March, 1948.			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
Less than 1	481	446	6	933	3,376	4,224	83	7,683
1 and under 2	1,095	710	29	1,834	4,692	7,108	576	12,376
2 " " 3	611	650	245	1,506	2,979	6,278	399	9,656
3 " " 4	401	596	17	1,014	2,077	6,095	131	8,303
4 " " 5	254	464	8	726	1,530	4,579	253	6,362
5 " " 9	435	945	35	1,415	3,541	10,453	869	14,863
9 " " 13	143	399	32	574	1,646	4,632	181	6,459
13 " " 27	132	487	31	650	2,163	5,223	221	7,607
27 and over	84	285	23	392	1,873	2,509	131	4,513
TOTAL	3,636	4,982	426	9,044	23,877	51,101	2,844	77,822

The following table shows for discontinuances notified during March, 1948 and the nine months ended March, 1948 the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit:-

IV. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING MARCH, 1948 AND THE NINE MONTHS
ENDED MARCH, 1948 - PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefit	March, 1948				Nine months ended March 1948			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
<u>Weeks</u>								
27 and over	2.3	5.7	5.4	4.3	7.8	4.9	4.6	5.8
13 " "	5.9	15.5	12.7	11.5	16.9	15.1	12.4	15.6
9 " "	9.9	23.5	20.2	17.9	23.8	24.2	18.7	23.9
5 " "	21.8	42.5	28.4	33.5	38.6	44.7	49.3	43.0
4 " "	28.8	51.8	30.3	41.5	45.0	53.6	58.2	51.2
3 " "	39.8	63.8	34.3	52.8	53.7	65.5	62.8	61.8
2 " "	56.7	76.8	91.8	69.4	66.2	77.8	76.8	74.2
1 " "	86.8	91.1	98.6	89.7	85.9	91.7	97.1	90.1
Less than 1	13.2	8.9	1.4	10.3	14.1	8.3	2.9	9.9

(ii) Reasons for Cessation: The reasons for terminating benefits whose discontinuance was notified during March, 1948 and the nine months ended March, 1948 are shown below:-

V. REASON FOR CESSATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING MARCH, 1948 AND THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1948 - AUSTRALIA.

Reason for Cessation	March, 1948				Nine months ended March, 1948			
	Unemployment		Sickness		Unemployment		Sickness	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Employment secured or resumed	1,615	44.42	2,734	54.88	12,699	53.19	27,930	54.66
Incapacity terminated	-	--	1,570	31.51	-	-	14,469	28.31
Failure to report (a)	1,480	40.70	102	2.05	8,454	35.40	1,786	3.50
Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act	61	1.68	63	1.26	815	3.41	656	1.28
Statutory age limit (b)	12	0.33	5	0.10	127	0.53	113	0.22
Permanent incapacity (c)	16	0.44	237	4.76	310	1.30	2,201	4.31
Transfer to Rehabilitation Allowance	2	0.06	50	1.00	38	0.16	1,269	2.48
Death	-	--	80	1.61	18	0.08	829	1.62
Transfer to another district	52	1.43	65	1.30	422	1.77	841	1.65
Other	398	10.94	76	1.53	994	4.16	1,007	1.97
TOTAL:	3,636	100.00	4,982	100.00	23,877	100.00	51,101	100.00

- (a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising the Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pensions.
 (c) Includes transfer to Invalid Pensions.

5. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF MARCH, 1948

Total Persons

(i) Proportion per 10,000 in Employment: The proportion of persons on benefit at 27th March, 1948, to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 69 per 10,000 comprising 28 unemployment, 38 sickness and 3 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females:-

VI. APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 27TH MARCH, 1948 PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA

Sex	Proportion	No. on benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	per 10,000 males	37	38	1	76
Females	per 10,000 females	5	36	8	49
Persons	per 10,000 persons	28	38	3	69

(ii) State Totals: The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 27th March, 1948:-

VII. NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 27TH MARCH, 1948 : STATES

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
N.S.W. (a)	415	59	2,866	944	38	125	3,319	1,128	4,447
Victoria	73	2	1,631	755	53	254	1,757	1,011	2,768
Queensland	6,055	310	1,204	344	98	70	7,357	724	8,081
S. Australia	35	2	670	212	14	30	719	244	963
W. Australia	289	8	567	194	35	37	891	239	1,130
Tasmania	25	1	314	97	10	38	349	136	485
TOTAL:	6,892	382	7,252	2,546	248	554	14,392	3,482	17,874

- (a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.
 (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Ages: Distribution of persons on benefit at 27th March, 1948, according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

VIII. GROUPED AGE : PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 27TH MARCH, 1948
AUSTRALIA

Grouped Age (as at 31st Dec. 1937)	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
16 - 19 years	407	118	516	559	1	36	924	713	1,637
20 - 24 "	857	107	737	597	10	85	1,604	789	2,393
25 - 29 "	815	43	593	293	7	73	1,415	409	1,824
30 - 34 "	708	31	599	206	10	55	1,317	292	1,609
35 - 39 "	619	23	653	189	7	58	1,279	270	1,549
40 - 44 "	653	20	701	179	2	65	1,356	264	1,620
45 - 49 "	736	20	811	240	4	69	1,551	329	1,880
50 - 54 "	646	8	795	154	1	58	1,442	220	1,662
55 - 59 "	746	12	969	129	7	34	1,722	175	1,897
60 years and over	705	-	878	-	199	21	1,782	21	1,803
TOTAL:	6,892	382	7,252	2,546	248	554	14,392	3,482	17,874

6. UNEMPLOYMENT - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING MARCH, 1948 AND THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1948 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF MARCH, 1948

(i) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reasons for termination of employment as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during March, 1948 and the nine months ended March, 1948 and by those who were on benefit at 27th March, 1948.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer, the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation of a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which take place on the initiative of the employee.

IX. CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING MARHC, 1948 AND THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1948 : AUSTRALIA

Cause of Unemployment	Admitted during March 1948.		Admitted during 9 months ended March, 1948		On Benefit at 27th March 1948	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Discharged or Laid off -						
Disciplinary reasons	21	1	193	8	41	1
Inefficiency, including medical unfitness	62	8	805	45	137	11
Power rationing	152	44	179	55	123	36
Shortage of materials	1,069	107	2,330	158	1,139	103
Strikes and lock-outs	550	19	3,281	153	562	27
Seasonal Work	563	24	4,745	52	2,065	41
Casual work	545	16	3,671	63	879	19
Other including inadequately defined	421	43	4,043	218	1,010	57
Quitted -						
Medical unfitness work too heavy	224	20	2,433	245	537	48
Other quits, including inadequately defined	150	16	1,353	93	240	26
Not previously employed -						
Employers, workers on own account	39	1	509	3	108	1
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work	11	-	223	4	42	-
Other	7	5	44	37	9	12
TOTAL:	3,814	304	23,809	1,134	6,892	382

(ii) Industrial Groups: In the following statement is shown the distribution, according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during March, 1948, and the nine months ended March, 1948, and of those on benefit at 27th March, 1948:-

X. UNEMPLOYMENT * INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING MARCH, 1948 AND THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1948 : AUSTRALIA

Industry in which last engaged	Admitted during March, 1948		Admitted during 9 months ended March, 1948		On Benefit at 27th March 1948	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Agriculture, Pastoral & Dairying	521	-	3,460	6	1,360	1
Other Primary Production	36	-	281	-	76	-
Coal Mining	367	-	849	-	328	-
Other Mining and Quarrying	103	-	448	-	99	-
Factories and Industrial -						
Founding, engineering, metal-working including shipbuilding	114	2	1,040	24	215	5
Vehicles, including aircraft	55	-	474	-	69	-
Textiles and articles of dress	20	41	176	123	38	48
Food, drink and tobacco	788	106	4,257	192	1,832	130
Furniture, woodwork, etc.	278	8	701	14	275	8
Other factories, including heat, light and power	92	10	820	36	185	7
Building and Construction	525	-	3,345	-	889	-
Transport and Communication	417	22	3,449	180	540	31
Commerce and Finance -						
Wholesale and retail trade	245	30	1,686	149	393	36
Finance and property	12	-	109	6	24	1
Public Administration and Professional	102	16	1,352	80	280	17
Personal and Domestic Service	117	63	1,027	283	228	86
Other	22	6	335	41	61	12
TOTAL:	3,814	304	23,809	1,134	6,892	382

Distribution by States of males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 27th March, 1948, in the principal industrial groups is shown in the following table:-

XI. UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS-- MALES ON BENEFIT AT 27TH MARCH, 1948

STATES.

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.
Agriculture, Pastoral, etc.	45	7	1,288	2	16	2	1,360
Other Primary, including mining	30	3	458	-	10	2	503
Engineering, etc. including vehicles	82	3	170	9	19	1	284
Food, Drink, etc. Factories	22	5	1,783	2	19	1	1,832
Other, Factories	49	10	397	1	37	4	498
Building and Construction	50	10	799	6	22	2	889
Transport and Communication	17	12	469	5	30	7	540
Commerce and Finance	38	11	323	5	40	-	417
Public Administration and Professional	35	6	190	4	42	3	280
Personal and Domestic Service	39	5	139	1	43	1	228
Other	8	1	39	-	11	2	61
TOTAL 27TH MARCH, 1948:	415	73	6,055	35	289	25	6,892
TOTAL 29TH MARCH, 1947:	1,341	967	6,509	128	748	52	9,745

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Metropolitan and Other: Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the nine months ended March, 1948, and the persons on benefit at 27th March, 1948, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table :-

XII. DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during nine months ended March, 1948.				On Benefit at 27th March, 1948.			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b) ..	772	21	2,066	204	136	7	279	52
Victoria ..	269	45	569	9	32	2	41	-
Queensland ..	4,841	209	12,872	578	956	55	5,099	255
South Australia (c) ..	136	2	69	1	29	2	6	-
Western Australia ..	1,651	36	405	28	265	7	24	1
Tasmania ..	134	-	25	1	19	-	6	1
TOTAL:	7,803	313	16,006	821	1,437	73	5,455	309

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Departments of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide and in W.A., Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan".

(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

7. SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING MARCH, 1948 AND THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1948 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF MARCH, 1948.

(i) Metropolitan and Other: Sickness benefits whose admission was notified during the nine months ended March, 1948, and those current at 27th March, 1948, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary), in the following table:-

XIII. DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during nine months ended March, 1948.				On Benefit at 27th March, 1948.			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b) ..	8,639	3,150	6,063	1,240	1,600	655	1,266	289
Victoria ..	6,240	2,405	3,147	824	1,071	567	560	188
Queensland ..	2,918	871	3,256	588	643	207	561	137
South Australia (c) ..	3,039	785	1,278	204	505	194	165	18
Western Australia ..	2,150	780	1,431	269	385	153	182	41
Tasmania ..	779	183	983	194	133	49	181	48
TOTAL:	23,765	8,174	16,158	3,319	4,337	1,825	2,915	721

(a) See footnote to table 6 (iii) (b) Includes A.C.T. (c) Includes N.T.

(ii) Industrial Groups: The distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons on sickness benefit at 27th March, 1948, is shown in the following table:-

XIV. INDUSTRIAL GROUPS : PERSONS ON SICKNESS BENEFIT AT 27TH MARCH, 1948 : AUSTRALIA

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying ..	596	23	619
Other Primary Production ..	165	1	166
Coal Mining ..	233	1	234
Other Mining and Quarrying ..	133	3	136
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, engineering, metalworking, including shipbuilding ..	1,013	88	1,101
Vehicles, including aircraft ..	346	21	367
Textiles and articles of dress ..	244	478	722
Food, drink and tobacco ..	473	140	613
Furniture, woodwork, etc. ..	323	13	336
Other Factories, including heat, light and power ..	681	145	826
Building and Construction ..	1,021	4	1,025
Transport and Communication ..	669	67	736
Commerce and Finance - Wholesale and retail trade ..	712	466	1,178
- Finance and property ..	47	40	87
Public Administration and Professional ..	218	407	625
Personal and Domestic Service ..	349	642	991
Other ..	29	7	36
TOTAL:	7,252	2,546	9,798

(iii) Nature of Sickness: The following table shows the principal causes of sickness as stated on medical certificates of persons whose admission was notified during March, 1948 and the nine months ended March, 1948, and of those on benefit at 27th March, 1948:-

XV. NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING MARCH, 1948
AND THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1948 : AUSTRALIA.

Nature of Sickness	Admitted during March, 1948.		Admitted during nine months ended Mar., 1948		On Benefit at 27th March, 1948.	
	Malcs	Fcmalcs	Malcs	Fcmalcs	Malcs	Fcmalcs
Infective and Parasitic Diseases..	214	65	2,427	717	325	165
Cancer ..	30	9	287	62	78	23
Other Tumours ..	42	30	357	266	98	57
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases..	215	82	2,355	778	544	242
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs ..	18	19	149	191	40	55
Nervous System and Sensc Organs..	344	139	3,478	1,449	755	335
Circulatory System ..	362	62	3,333	498	910	163
Respiratory System ..	378	70	4,532	969	633	194
Digestive System ..	954	297	8,983	2,635	1,401	410
Genito-Urinary System ..	179	112	1,671	973	329	210
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc. ..	-	84	-	754	-	204
Skin and Cellular Tissue ..	276	53	2,378	532	342	67
Bones and Organs of Movemnt ..	92	33	940	244	193	64
Other Diseases (including Ill- defined conditions)	79	40	672	309	128	74
Injuries and Acute Poisoning-						
Fractures ..	359	40	3,948	437	958	138
Other Injuries, etc. ..	415	55	3,998	450	442	85
Operations (original disability not stated)	30	24	262	183	55	47
Other (Including not stated)	14	7	153	46	21	13
TOTAL:	4,001	1,221	39,923	11,493	7,252	2,546

8. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the nine months ended March, 1948, and of those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below.

XVI. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - NINE MONTHS ENDED
MARCH, 1948 : STATES

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Percentag Rejects to total
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Clai	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	
N.S.W.(a)	5,846	2,783	22,044	2,952	584	153	28,474	5,888	20.68
Victoria	1,853	961	14,826	2,210	1,578	164	18,257	3,335	18.27
Q'ld.	30,775	12,275	9,113	1,480	599	198	40,487	13,953	34.46
S.A. (b)	354	146	6,594	1,288	165	53	7,113	1,487	20.91
W.A.	3,236	1,116	5,422	792	803	45	9,461	1,953	20.64
Tasmania	218	58	2,425	286	104	30	2,747	374	13.61
TOTAL:	42,282	17,339	60,424	9,008	3,833	643	106,539	26,990	25.33

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

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